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- 1. Since the re-organization of the construction unions (Bau-Unionen), two groups, i.e. the Construction Union North with seat in Stratsund, and the Construction Union South with seat in Dresden, are available solely for military purposes. The latter union employs approximately 6000 men. The administrative personnel and probably the workers also are civil employees of the KVP. Chief of the department for construction projects is a man by the name of Weinert.
- 2. At the moment the construction union engages primarily in the construction of barracks and airfields. The airfields in Gotha, Querfurt and Horka are intended for use by Soviet units only. The concrete cover on the airfields is lo inches athick. The layout and size of the airfields indicate that they are intended for use by jet fighters. The Bautzen airfield was covered with naturally grown turf and above that a layer of metal sheets (scrap from the Horch plants). However, the sheet metal does not withstand the pressure and weight of the landing planes and will, therefore, be scrapped.
- 3. It was noticed that at the moment the execution of the projects is handicapped by general confusion. Following unexpected orders machines, material and workers are shifted from one place to another. A shortage of material, spare parts for machines and skilled labor was noticeable on all construction sites.

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